

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Tatsumi, et al.

Serial No.: 09/582,554

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Examiner: Peselev

Art Unit: 1623

For: A SUBSTANCE HAVING AN APOPTOSIS-INDUCING ABILITY

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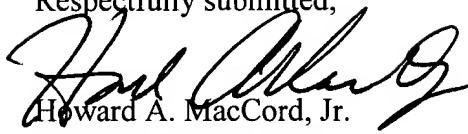
Sir:

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

In the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003, the Office Action summary indicated that claim 27 was rejected. However, the discussion of the rejections did not include a mention of claim 27. Counsel wonders if in fact, claim 27 was intended to be allowed. If so, an indication of allowance would be appreciated.

Also, the Office Action refers to portions of claim 11 being missing and claim 28 being partly unreadable. Counsel speculates that the amendment, as faxed to the Examiner, somehow obscured portions of these claims. Accordingly, an additional, hard copy of the amendment is enclosed for the Examiner's more plenary consideration. If, in fact, the faxing of the amendment obscured portions of claims 11 and 12 and since the December 9, 2003, Office Action will need to be reissued to address claim 27, it would be appreciated if the Examiner treat these claims in their entirety, as per the enclosed version of the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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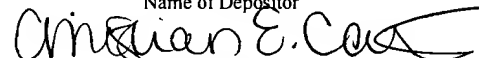
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